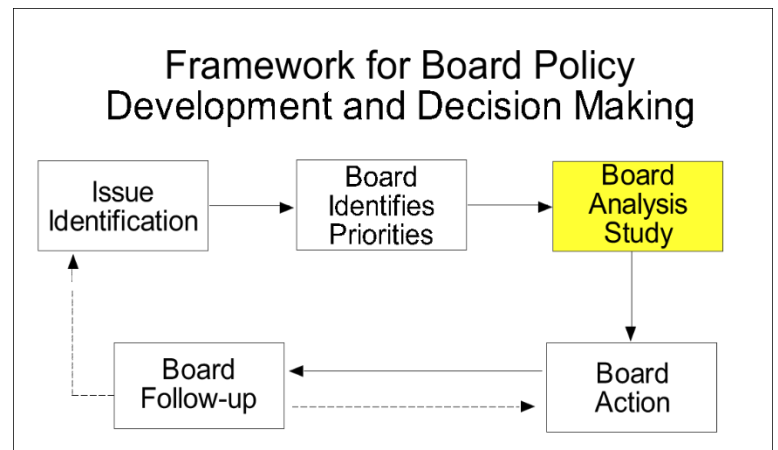


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

May 11, 2017



Agenda Item: Visiting Teachers from Spain Program

Iowa Goal(s): All PK-12 students will achieve at a high level.

State Board Role/Authority: In addition to statutory responsibilities, the State Board provides leadership and advocacy for the system of education in Iowa.

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Attachment(s): None

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board hear a summary of the partnership between the Iowa Department of Education and the Ministry of Education of Spain, and engage in discussion on the impact of the program in Iowa to meet the goals of the State Board.

Background: The Iowa Visiting Teachers from Spain program was established in 2002. The program is endorsed by the US Department of Education, and sponsored by the Spanish Ministry of the Education, Culture, and Sports. The goals of the program are to strengthen the relations between the US and Spain, provide support for the implementation of the bilingual/dual language and multicultural education programs that help students prepare for their future, and to provide all educators with a highly effective professional learning opportunity.